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Group Art Unit: 1617

Serial No.: 09/943,412

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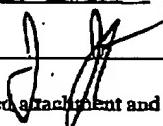
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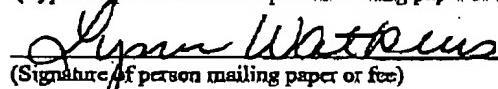
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28-41 without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention.

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement was placed on the pending claims. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-27, drawn to a tissue product. It is believed that the present application is thus in complete condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. Examiner Webman is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues